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To Whom It May Concern:

The proposed closures appear to be very excessive, in light of other proven conservation measures (slot limits, rotating closure areas, etc).

My personal situation might serve to illustrate the possible economic impacts of all but closing the ocean down to fishing: In 2007 the state of California received over \$500,000 in taxes from me. This kind of thing is just one of several reasons related to governmental decision making that is giving my family cause to relocate to another state. In fact, I fly to Destin, FL next Sunday to go fishing and check out the housing market.

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